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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA-AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF COSPONSORS
OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA OCTOBER 6, 1975

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1. SUMMARY: COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA AGREED ON OCTOBER 6 TO INCORPORATION OF FRENCH AMENDMENTS, PROVIDED FRANCE COSPONSORS RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. MEETING ALSO HIGHLIGHTED NEED REDOUBLE EFFORTS ON BEHALF FRIENDLY POSITION DURING TWO WEEKS BEFORE KOREAN DEBATE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 6, AMBASSADOR BENNETT CHAIRED AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA. SEVENTEEN COSPONSORS AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) WERE REPRESENTED, INCLUDING ALL IN WORKING GROUP (U.S., U.K., JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND ROK).

3. AFTER WELCOMING COSPONSORS TO USUN, BENNETT STRESSED THAT COSPONSORS HAD BEEN JOINING OUR RESOLUTION IN A REGULAR CADENCE. BENNETT TURNED TO FRENCH AMENDMENTS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND STRESSED THAT THE U.S. HAD STUDIED THEM CAREFULLY AND REGARDED THEM POSITIVELY. THE ROK, JAPAN, CANADA, U.K., FRG, NETHERLANDS AND NEW ZEALAND ALL CONSIDERED THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS FAVORABLY.

4. BENNETT SAID THE FRENCH WERE LOBBYING HARD TO GAIN COSPONSORS FOR THEIR AMENDMENTS. THEREFORE, THE FRENCH HAD ASKED THE COSPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION TO DELAY FOR A FEW DAYS ANY AMALGAMATION OF THE AMENDMENTS. BENNETT STATED OUT UNDERSTANDING THAT, WHEN THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS ARE AMALGAMATED, THE FRENCH AND THE OTHER COSPONSORS OF THEIR AMENDMENTS WILL BECOME COSPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE.

5. THE COSPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION THEN AGREED TO ACCEPT THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS, PROVIDED THAT FRANCE WILL BECOME A COSPONSOR OF THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR SAITO HOPED THAT THE FRENCH CONFIDENTIAL

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AMENDMENTS WOULD ATTRACT SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, BUT DID NOT EXPRESS UNDUE OPTIMISM IN THIS REGARD. CONSIDERING FRANCE'S REQUEST FOR MORE TIME TO LOBBY, THE MEETING DECIDED ON OCTOBER 9 AS A TARGET DATE FOR INCORPORATING THE AMENDMENTS.

6. SAITO THEN TOOK THE FLOOR TO SAY THAT, WITH ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE OPENING OF FIRST

COMMITTEE DEBATE ON KOREA, HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT THE COSPONSORS MEET EACH MONDAY. SAITO STRESSED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) THE COSPONSORS MUST BE PREPARED TO OPPOSE VIGOROUSLY ANY MOVE BY THE HOSTILE SIDE TO UPSET OUR RESOLUTION'S PRIORITY.

(B) THE COSPONSORS MUST STUDY THE WEAK POINTS OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION SO AS TO ATTACK IT.

(C) THE COSPONSORS MUST BE CONSIDERING SPEECHES TO BE MADE IN DEBATE.

7. AMBASSADOR BENNETT FULLY SUPPORTED SAITO'S VIEW AND STRESSED THE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS.

8. THERE WAS THEN DISCUSSION AS TO INTRODUCTION OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION INTO FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE. PARAGUAY SUGGESTED THAT AN ASIAN COSPONSOR COULD MOST APPROPRIATELY DO THIS. SAITO, HOWEVER, DID NOT RESPOND. THE COSPONSORS CONSIDERED THIS A MATTER TO BE DECIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (USUN UNDERSTANDS THAT JAPAN IS RELUCTANT TO INTRODUCE OUR RESOLUTION. CANADA, HOWEVER, HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DO SO. SINCE CANADA'S AMBASSADOR RAE TOOK THE LEAD IN SUBMITTING THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION TO THE UN SECRETARIAT ON JUNE 27, USUN CONSIDERS IT ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR CANADA TO INTRODUCE OUR RESOLUTION IN FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH CANADA'S MISSION ABOUT THIS, WITH A VIEW TO CANADA'S EARLY INSCRIPTION HIGH ON THE FIRST COMMITTEE SPEAKERS LIST. CANADA'S MISSION IS CONSULTING OTTAWA.)

9. THE ROK REPORTED THAT IT HAD INSCRIBED FOREIGN MINISTER KIM TO BE THE FIRST SPEAKER IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE ON KOREA. THE ROK CONSIDERED THIS MOST REASONABLE SINCE CONFIDENTIAL

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NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER LED OFF THE DEBATE IN 1974. THE ROK ADDED THAT ALGERIA WAS VYING FOR THE FIRST POSITION TO INTRODUCE THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

10. BENNETT EXPRESSED SPECIAL GREETINGS TO C.A.R. FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCK WHO ACCOMPANIED AMBASSADOR BANDIO TO MEETING.
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